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SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK TO WAIVE ENTRANCE FEES FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Tucson, AZ – Saguaro National Park will be joining along with other national park units across the country to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a fee-free entry into the park this holiday weekend.

This year, the fee-free designation will apply to the entire MLK weekend –Saturday, Sunday and Monday, January 14 through 16.

Visitors arriving in the park on any one of those three days will be allowed to enter free of charge. Those who plan to spend time in the park beyond January 16th will need to pay the regular \$10.00 entrance fee for the remainder of their stay.

“This is just one small way that we can honor the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King to our nation by encouraging people to visit their national parks and what they mean to the fabric of America,” said Saguaro Superintendent Darla Sidles.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday is also traditionally a day of service. In keeping with this tradition, the public can participate in the Weed Free Trails volunteer program orientation at the Tucson Mountain District on Saturday, January 14, 2012. The goal of this program is to monitor the Saguaro National Park trails network primarily through volunteer assistance. To learn more about the program, please call (520) 733-5187.

Park visitors are also reminded that the fee-free designation applies to entrance fees only and does not affect fees for camping. Park entrance stations and visitor centers will have Saguaro Annual Passes, along with Interagency Senior and Annual Passes available for those who wish to purchase them.

Additional fee-free days for 2012 will include: April 21-29 (National Parks Week), June 9 (Get Outdoors Day), September 29 (National Public Lands Day) and November 10-12 (Veterans Day weekend.)

For more information on Saguaro National Park, please visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/sagu.

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